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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *24 October 2003*.
2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**.   2b)☒ This action is non-final.
3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-13* is/are pending in the application.
      4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6)☒ Claim(s) *1-3,6-10,12 and 13* is/are rejected.
7)☒ Claim(s) *4, 5 and 11* is/are objected to.
8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10)☒ The drawing(s) filed on *24 October 2003* is/are: a)☒ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.
      Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
      Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
      a)☐ All   b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:
      1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
      2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
      3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
   * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)
1)☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2)☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3)☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
      Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4)☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5)☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6)☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This communication is in response to Application No. 10/532,781 filed 10/24/2003, claims 1-13 have been examined.

Specification

1.   The disclosure is objected to because it contains an embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code. Applicant is required to delete the embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code. (E.g. col. 1, par. (0006)) See MPEP § 608.01.

Claim Objections

2.   Claim 4 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in an improper form because claim 4 is a multi-dependent claim, which is dependent on multi-dependent claim 3. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claim has not been further treated on the merits.

Claim 5 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in an improper form because claim 4 is a multi-dependent claim, which is dependent on multi-dependent claim 3. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claim has not been further treated on the merits. In this case, claims recites "in any of the claims 14", accordingly, this claim is in improper form. Furthermore, regarding this claim even if examiner presumes that the clause "in any of the claims 14", was intended to be -- in any of the claims 1-4 --, the claim would still be objected

under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent

claim 4, and accordingly, the claim has not been further treated on the merits.

Claim 11 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form

because a multiple dependent claim 10. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly,

the claim has not been further treated on the merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3.   The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35

U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this

Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
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> (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-3, 6-10, 12 and 13 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated

by Du. et. al. (US 7,376,711) (Du hereafter).

Regarding claim 1, Du teaches a method for launching processes in a

computer that has an operating system, comprising:

storing a launch list (e.g. smart card data) of initiation data for at least one

process to be launched; (col. 4, lines 4-12),

storing for each process any access and authentication information

required to initiate the process, as well as associated launch data (e.g. server

data) identifying secondary information (e.g. addresses) associated with any of the processes to be launched (col. 4, lines 37-44);

upon sensing a launch event: automatically retrieving initiation data for each process in the launch list (col. 4, lines 13-44), as well as the associated launch data for each process (col. 4, lines 19-36 and Fig. 1—blocks 101 & 103); and

automatically initiating execution of each process in the launch list (col. 4, lines 13-14) and automatically retrieving and associating with each initiated process the corresponding secondary information (col. 7, lines 54-64 and col. 4, lines 13-44).

Regarding claim 2, in which at least one process to be launched involves access to at least one remote site [server, Fig 5—block 502], further comprising automatically accessing [fig 3—block 301] the remote site over a network [Fig 3—block 308 and Fig. 7], a network address for each remote site comprising the secondary information of the process (col. 5, lines 48-57).

Regarding claim 3, automatically detecting identifying information [index records] of a currently active process and its current secondary information (col. 7, lines 44-47); and

upon user confirmation, automatically storing access information and the current secondary information for subsequent automatic launch upon sensing the launch event (col. 7, lines 19-30).

Regarding claim 6, automatically launching two or more processes simultaneously, that is, without requiring intermediate user action (col. 8, lines 49-60).

Regarding claim 7, automatically and simultaneously launching both processes that access network content (col. 8, lines 57-60) and processes that access only locally stored files (col. 8, lines 23-25) (Fig 7—item 705).

Regarding claim 8, a system for launching processes in a computer that has system hardware (100), system software (110), and a memory (120), comprising:

a launch list (122) of initiation data for at least one process (130; 132) to be launched (Fig 1—block 101);

a stored set (126) of any access and authentication information required to initiate the process (Fig 1—block 103), as well as associated launch data set identifying secondary information associated with any of the processes to be launched (Fig 3—block 304);

an auto-launch software module (150) comprising computer-executable code that (Fig 2—block 202), upon sensing a launch event (Fig 2—block 203):

automatically retrieves initiation data for each process in the launch list (Fig 7—item 704), as well as the associated launch data for each process; and automatically initiates execution of each process in the launch list (122) (Fig 7—items 709) and automatically retrieves and associates with each initiated process the corresponding secondary information (Fig 7 and col. 4, lines 13-44).

Regarding claim 9, at least one process to be launched involves access to at least one remote site (162) (Fig 4—block 402);

the system hardware includes a network-connection device (103) that forms an interface between the computer and a network (160) (Fig 7—items 702 and 707);

the memory (120) includes a list (124) of network addresses (col. 6, lines 37-43, Fig 7—items 701 and 706, col. 6, lines 43-49);

the auto-launch software module (150) includes computer-executable code for automatically accessing the remote site over the network (160) a network address for each remote site comprising the secondary information of the process (col.6, lines 43-55).

Regarding claim 10, in which the auto-launch software module (150) (Fig. 1—block 101) includes further computer-executable (Fig. 2—block 201):

for automatically detecting identifying information of a currently active process and its current secondary information; and upon user confirmation, for automatically storing in the memory (120) access information and the current secondary information for subsequent automatic launch upon sensing the launch event (col. 6, lines 6-18).

Regarding claim 12, in which the auto-launch software module (150) automatically launches two or more processes simultaneously, that is, without requiring intermediate user action (col. 8, lines 57-60).

Regarding claim 13, in which the auto-launch software module (150) automatically launches both processes that access content over a network (160) and processes that access only locally stored files (Fig 8—item 810, col. 6, line 62 through col. 7, line 6 and col. 7, lines 7-26)..

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MARK O. AFOLABI whose telephone number is (571) 270-5627. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Beatriz Prieto can be reached on 571-272-3902. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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